

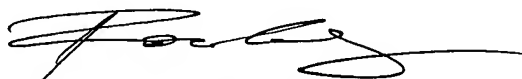
REMARKS

This submission is in response to the Final Office Action dated May 19, 2006, in which claims 1 through 11 and 13 through 19 were indicated as allowable and claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,694,593 to Baclawski in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2001/0011268 to Tsuchida and further in view of the U.S. Patent No. 6,778,977 to Avadhanam et al.

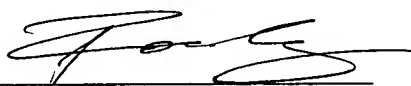
To expedite Allowance of the present application, Applicants hereby cancel rejected claim 12 without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more Continuation applications directed to the subject matter of the canceled claim. Accordingly, present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a favorable disposition to that effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the above amendments or any aspect of this Response, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the indicated number.

Respectfully submitted,

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